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Corps hosts National Public Lands Day volunteer event

Burbank, Wash. – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers seeks volunteers to participate in stewardship activities honoring the twelfth annual National Public Lands Day on Sept. 24, from 8 a.m. to noon.

Volunteers of all ages are needed to perform light trail maintenance and litter pick up at Hood Park, in the fishing pond vicinity to help create a peaceful outdoor retreat and fishing spot. Hood Park is located 3 miles south of Pasco, Wash., on the lower Snake River near the junction of U.S. Hwy. 12-395 and Hwy. 124. Parking is located just inside the park entrance.

National Public Lands Day is touted as the “largest hands-on volunteer effort to improve and enhance” public land according to organizers of the national campaign (www.npld.com). In 2004, nearly 90,000 volunteers participated nationwide.

For the first time, all National Public Lands Day volunteers who work at a site managed by five federal agencies will receive a coupon good for a "fee-free" day at any site managed by the agencies. Those agencies participating are the Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and U.S. Forest Service.

The fee-free day was initiated by National Public Lands Day and co-sponsored by Take Pride in America, a national partnership that aims to seek, support and recognize volunteers who work to improve our public parks, forests, grasslands, reservoirs and wildlife refuges, as well as our cultural and historic sites, local play grounds, and other recreation areas.

For more information or to register for the NPLD stewardship event, call Park Ranger Lindsay Dummer at (509) 543-6063 by Sept. 20.

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